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## FAMILY HISTORY

### Documentation

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Age	Date:	Fact:	Document or Source of Information:
24	31 May 1864	William DAVIS and Elizabeth HOPE were to sail for America from England: Left home in: 29 May 1864	1. History of William DAVIS in DUP Book: "How Beautiful upon the Mountains," pp 327
	or 3 June 1864	- On (date): 31 May 1864 ship sailed Obtained Passage on ship: "HUDSON" Set sail from: London <sup>Church Chronology</sup> England	2. "Church Chronology," by Andrew Jenson pp 70-71 or Liverpool said Mary Ann Davis Moulton
		How Long on Atlantic Ocean: 6 wks Arrived at: New York Harbor	3. "Our Pioneer Heritage," (DUP Book) Vol. 6 pp 268-269 " " " " " Vol. 8 pp 14 " " " " " Vol. 16 pp 457-459
	19 July 1864	On (date): 19 July 1864 Captain of ship: How many aboard ship: Who was in charge of the Company of LDS group:	4. Tradition: Sophia Collins Beck Halladay told DrRRGreen in <sup>13 Feb</sup> 1979 that Wm DAVIS & wife Elizabeth Hope and John Collins Jr. and Mary Goddard traveled in the same company in June 1864 from England to America & on to Salt Lake City.
		Arrived @ Wyoming Nebraska on the Missouri, River	5. See copy of ship Hudson Log



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William Davis was born January 2, 1830, in Wilsford, Wiltshire, England, on a farm and became an expert plowman, taking many prizes at plowing matches. He married Elizabeth Hope about 1854, near where they were both born and reared. He was baptized February 2, 1852, by Elder George Stone (and probably Elizabeth, too), near their birth place.

In 1864 they made arrangements to sail from Liverpool on the sailing ship "Hudson," in the latter part of May, with their four children. The date of sailing was postponed a few days so the family, having disposed of their household goods, went to visit with Elizabeth's parents until the ship sailed. While there, their youngest child was taken ill and died on the 29th of May. The family had to be in Liverpool the next day, so had to leave without having the privilege of attending the funeral of their little one. It was a severe trial to leave, but the sailing ship would leave them if they were not there. The boat sailed May 31, 1864. They were on the Atlantic ocean six weeks and a few days, landing at New York on July 19.

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On April 10, 1865 William Davis married Mary Goddard Colind, in the Endowment House. She had lost her husband on the plains in 1864. She made a splendid stepmother to William's two remaining children. His son was drowned three years after their arrival, while trying to cross high water in the Provo River in a wagon.

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The Perpetual Emigrating Fund Company sent 170 wagons, 1,717 oxen and 277 men to the Missouri river after the poor this year. The first mining districts were located, the first mining companies incorporated and the first smelting furnaces built in the Territory. A number of new settlements were founded in Bear Lake Valley.

**January.** *Tues. 5.*—The *Daily Vidette* succeeding the *Union Vidette*, was first issued at Camp Douglas, Utah. Like its predecessor, it was a bitter anti-Mormon paper.

*Sat. 16.*—An act passed by the Utah legislature, creating Kane and Richland Counties, was approved.

**February.** *Wed. 10.*—Lewis Robbins was accidentally killed while quarrying rock near St. George, Utah.

**March.**—Circleville, Piute Co., Utah, was settled by about fifty families from Ephraim, Sanpete Co.

*Thurs. 31.*—Apostle Lorenzo Snow had a very narrow escape from drowning while attempting to land at Lahaina, Maui, Hawaiian Islands, with other Elders.

**April.** *Fri. 1.*—Thomas Pierce and Robert Spurgeon were killed in a snowslide at the head of Mill Creek Canyon. The body of the latter was not found until May 3rd.

*Tues. 5.*—A small company of Saints bound for Utah, sailed from Port Elizabeth, South Africa, under the direction of John Talbot.

*Wed. 6.*—On this and the four following

days the 34th annual conference of the Church was held in G. S. L. City.

*Fri. 8.*—At a council meeting held at Lahaina, Maui, Hawaiian Islands, attended by Apostles Ezra T. Benson and Lorenzo Snow and Elders Joseph F. Smith, Wm. W. Cluff and Alma L. Smith, Walter M. Gibson, who had usurped Church authority and imposed upon the native Saints, was excommunicated from the Church.

*Sun. 10.*—Elders Wm. Fotheringham and Henry A. Dixon, accompanied by a small company of Saints, sailed from Port Elizabeth, South Africa, in the barque *Susan Pardey*, which arrived at Boston after 60 day's voyage.

*Thurs. 28.*—The ship *Monarch of the Sea*, sailed from Liverpool, England, with 973 Saints, under the direction of Patriarch John Smith. It arrived at New York June 3rd, and the emigrants reached Wyoming, Neb., in safety.

Wyoming, a village seven miles north of Nebraska City, Neb., had been selected as the outfitting place for the emigrants, crossing the plains, instead of Florence. About one hundred and seventy Church teams were sent from Utah to the Missouri river this year, after the poor.

**May.** *Thurs. 12.*—The Saints who were settling Salina, Sevier Co., Utah, were organized as a Ward by Apostle Orson Hyde, with Peter Rasmussen as Bishop.

*Sat. 21.*—The ship *General McClellan* sailed from Liverpool, England, with 802 Saints, under the direction of Thos. E. Jeremy, Joseph Bull and Geo. G. Bywater. It arrived at New York June 23rd, and the company arrived at Wyoming July 3rd.

**June.** *Fri. 3.*—The ship *Hudson* sailed from London, England, with 863 Saints, under the direction of John M. Kay. The company arrived at New York July 19th, and at Wyoming Aug. 2nd.

**July.** *Mon. 4.*—The *Daily Telegraph*, a newspaper, was first issued, in G. S. L. City, Thos. B. H. Stenhouse proprietor and editor. October 8th, a semi-weekly edition was also commenced.

**August.** *Fri. 26.*—Capt. John R. Murdock's mule train arrived in G. S. L. City, with 78 passengers.

*Wed. 31.*—James Calvin Sly, once a member of the Mormon Battalion, died at Chicken Creek, Juab Co.

**September.**—Elder Joseph Greenwood, of American Fork, Utah, died on Bear river, from the effects of cold, on returning from a mission to the States.

—Daniel H. Wells succeeded Apostle Geo. Q. Cannon as president of the European mission.

*Thurs. 1.*—Pres. Brigham Young and others left G. S. L. City, on a trip to the southern settlements. They returned Sept. 29th, after visiting 37 settlements and holding 39 meetings.

*Thurs. 15.*—Capt. Wm. B. Preston's train of immigrants, consisting of about fifty wagons and four hundred passengers, arrived at G. S. L. City. This company also brought new fonts of type for the *Deseret News* office.

*Tues. 20.*—Capt. Joseph S. Rawlins' train of immigrants arrived at G. S. L. City.

*Mon. 26.*—Elder John M. Kay, returning

missionary from Europe, died on the Little Laramie, while crossing the plains in Capt. Warren S. Snow's train.

**October.**—The first number of the *Peep o' Day*, a magazine devoted to science, literature and art, and to opposing the "Mormons," was published by Elias L. T. Harrison and Edward W. Tullidge, at G. S. L. City.

*Sat. 1.*—Capt. John Smith's independent train of immigrants arrived at G. S. L. City.

*Tues. 4.*—Capt. Wm. S. Warren's train of immigrants, which had started from Wyoming July 19th, arrived at G. S. L. City.

*Wed. 5.*—Capt. Isaac A. Canfield's train arrived at G. S. L. City.

*Mon. 10.*—The surviving members of Zion's Camp had a festival in the Social Hall, G. S. L. City. This was the first gathering of these veterans for 30 years; 54 men and 4 women were present out of the 63 then known to be in the Territory.

*Wed. 26.*—Capt. Wm. Hyde's train of immigrants arrived at G. S. L. City.

**November.** *Wed. 2.*—Capt. Warren S. Snow's train of immigrants, the last company of the season, arrived at G. S. L. City.

*Wed. 16.*—A destructive hurricane visited Davis and Weber Counties.

**December.** *Mon. 12.*—The 14th annual session of the Utah legislature convened in G. S. L. City and organized by electing Geo. A. Smith president of the Council and John Taylor speaker of the House.

*Sat. 17.*—A landing and site for a Church warehouse, afterwards known as Call's Landing, was selected by Anson Call, on the Colorado river, 125 miles from St. George, and the land along the Muddy found suitable to settle on. At that time the Church contemplated sending the emigrants from Europe, by way of Panama, the Gulf of California, and up the Colorado river, to this landing, which was the head of navigation on the Colorado.

*Fri. 23.*—Samuel H. Davis was accidentally killed in G. S. L. City, while engaged in walling up a well.

## 1865.

This year new settlements were founded by the Saints on the Muddy, Arizona (now Nevada). A long and desperate war between the settlers in Sanpete and Sevier Valleys and the Indians under the chief Black Hawk was commenced. Many of the settlers were killed and wounded.

**January.** *Sun. 8.*—The first Latter-day Saint settlers on the lower Muddy (now in Lincoln Co., Nev.) arrived there. Under the presidency of Thos. S. Smith they and other settlers, who followed, located St. Thomas.

*Wed. 18.*—Apostle Orson Pratt and Wm. W. Riter arrived as missionaries in Vienna, Austria, to open up the gospel door in that country.

*Fri. 20.*—The Utah legislature adjourned.

*Mon. 23.*—The legislature of the



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## HOW BEAUTIFUL UPON THE MOUNTAINS

beloved and honored. Each of his wives lived to be 80 years of age and, like their honored husband, was loved by everyone.

### JAMES CRAWFORD MURDOCH SARAH ELIZABETH GILES MURDOCH



James Crawford Murdoch, son of John M. and Isabella Crawford Murdoch, was born February 11, 1869, in Heber City, Utah. His boyhood days were spent very much like those of other pioneer children—herding cows, gathering wood, going fishing, and swimming in the swimming holes near his home. As he grew older he played on the Heber City baseball team and also played a bass horn in the city band.

James was called to serve as a missionary in Wisconsin, and after completing his mission he returned and married Sarah F. Giles

in the Park City mines. Early in his married life he was stricken with arthritis, from which he suffered greatly and eventually became an invalid.

At the time of death, August 14, 1959, James, or "Uncle Jim," as he was called, was Heber's oldest native resident. He was 90 years of age.

Sarah Elizabeth Giles Murdoch was born in Heber City, Utah, on December 4, 1878, to George M. and Mary Elizabeth Mayoh Giles. She spent her childhood days on the Wynns Davis ranch, at what was then called Elkhorn, where her father moved his family when she was eight years of age. Later they returned to Heber and she attended the old Sleepy Hollow School.

Sarah's father hauled freight to Park City for the A. C. Hatch Company. In order to help supplement the family income, she would follow him, driving another team.

She always was an ardent Church worker until her health and age prevented her from serving. She taught in the Primary a number of years, was first counselor in the Stake MIA, was a Relief Society visiting teacher, and also served as assistant secretary in the ward Relief Society.

Besides taking care of her home and family, she was for a number of years a midwife, working with Dr. W. R. Wherritt and Dr. T. A. Dannenberg.